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INTERIOR AGENCIES COOPERATE TO STUDY PARKS WILDLIFE

A cooperative agreement between the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service--to facilitate the study, management and interpretation of fish and wildlife in the national parks--has been approved by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, it was announced today.

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth and Fish and Wildlife Service Commissioner Arnie J. Suomela have signed an agreement that will guide the two agencies in advancing the fish and wildlife conservation objectives of the National Park Service in national park areas.

The agreement is an up-dated version of a 1946 memorandum of understanding under which the two conservation agencies have worked together to study fish and wildlife resources protected in the national parks and interpret them for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.

The new plan provides for Fish and Wildlife Service participation in surveys of marine and fresh-water resources, research on fish population dynamics, angler use, native fish restoration, and the securing and distribution of fish for restoration purposes. Wildlife management techniques applicable to the conservation objectives of the National Park Service will be developed and recommendations made, including maintenance and restoration of wildlife populations and habitat.

The National Park Service will assist in these technical projects with personnel, facilities and equipment. A free exchange of scientific information on all aspects of fish and wildlife management is an important part of this agreement, including the preparation of reports and other informational material.

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